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DA of he South, and preserving the Conditation—on and see would let experit the angulated and units in a fraternal spirit, and to separate as we who had more friends to each other, and fees only to the foes of our country. Viewing all compromises, violation. With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the seastful objects of the emering in the With the season of the weak to now. Give the season of the weak to now. Give the season of the weak to now. We desire none. Give the season of the weak to now. We desire none. Give the season of the weak to now. We desire none. Give the season of the weak to now. We desire none. Give the season of the weak to now. We desire none. Give the season of the weak to now. We desire none. Give the season of the weak to now. We desire none. Give the season of the weak to now. We desire none. Give the season of the weak to now. We desire none. Give the season of the weak to now. We desire none. Give the weak to now the season of the weak to now the sea joyment of her rights, as any blessings can be made secure by human pledges. The Federal Constitution became to her a sacred charter, which, like Holy Writ, it would be profanation

to increase or diminish.

This being so, how then can any compromise, Californian or Missourian, which modify, warp, or add to the relative duties of the North and South, be tolerated by any friend of the Consti-tution or the country? They go to build up ar-bitrary regulations, and to make our most sacred rights depend upon the mere will—the caprice of selfish and unrestricted majorities. They change the whole character of the government, and afford full license to the strong to devour the weak: the very evil which our federative system was intended to avert. Surely the rights by no other tenure than this. Do they flatter themselves that there is more virtue in a compromise than there is in the Constitution; and are they willing to co-operate with the Freethe former? Yet this they virtually did by their tame submission to the Missouri Compromise, and the very same thing will they do again, more effectually if they support, accept, or tolerate any of the Abolition Compromises now pending in Con-

When Missouri applied for admission into the Union, the Northern States in Congress attempted to force her into Free-soilism. Finding that they were not able to do this, they then introduced into the act of admission, a provision that no future State which might be formed out of the territory of the United States above a certain latitude, should be allowed to hold negro property. This they strove to make a part of the fundamental law of the land, and to give it allusion is made to the necessity of some action a sanctity and warrant of continuance, they de-nominated it a compromise. Here was a direct assumption of power to legislate over slavery; a brand of infamy and degradation stamped upon the forehead of the South, in the eyes of the world, and a commencement of a policy of legislation which it is now designed to continue, and which, if tolerated, will never cease as long as a vestige of the peculiar institutions of the South shall remain. If Congress has the right line. If we acquiesce in its exclusion above this visionary moral equator, for the cogent reasons they advance, how can we, in opposition to the they advance, how can we, in opposition to the same arguments, resist its prohibition below that latitude? Once surrender the principle and we surrender every thing. I am, therefore, opposed to any recognition of that pretended compromise. I deny its validity and force. It was a most flagrant usurpation of power—a power intended to serve as a foundation upon which the great lever was to be placed that was to overturn the liberties of the South. It was aimed that the she did not give to the great written charter of American freea brave people should always give to every in-fringement of their rights, is to be attributed to that lamentable disposition in the great mass of mankind to prefer the tranquility of despotism to that eternal vigilance and those fearful perils which are necessary to the maintenance of lib-erty. Whether the South will bear the present assaults upon her constitutional rights, with the same supineness that she succombed the Mis-souri aggression, is the question now to be de-

bulwark to every section—which was expected to make of the States a political Pleiades, shining together in harmonius brotherhood, has now assumed the aspect and character of a ferocious confederation of malignant powers for our utter

ruin and desolation.

Nor is the South exempt from insiduous foe in the bosom of her own society. Her arch enemies have their agents and emissaries every-where scattered through the country, whose duty it is to preach the virtues of submission and to depict the horrors of resistance. In their estimation the greatest patriotism is a patient resignation to injury and the highest of all possible enormities is self-protection. The better to secure our confidence and to practice upon our credulity, they unite with us in our denun-ciations of "the abolitionists" and say that we have many just causes of complaint against the allusion is made to the necessity of some action on the part of the South the cry of disunion is on the part of the South the cry of distinion is raised; and without proposing any remedy themselves, for acknowledged grievances, they oppose every measure suggested by others. If in defiance of their clamors the faithful patriot shall still persist in demanding redress, he is at once denounced for a disunionist and marked for denounced for a disunionist and marked for proscription. No wonder then, under these circumstances, that the cause of the South should languish within her own boundaries, and that many of her sons should be found in the ranks thus to prohibit slavery north of 36.30, they many of her sons should be found in the ranks have the same right to exclude it south of that

surrender every thing. I am, therefore, opposed free people. It is well calculated to try the souls for her destruction; and that she did not give to it that prompt and decisive repulsion which a brave people should always give to every in-

that very submission which we so wefully mis-take for a virtue. How can they respect us when we do not respect ourselves?—irresolu-tion is the basis of their presumption.—That we should desire to remain in the Union under all these circumstances of outrage, defamation and contumely, and with the certainty too of ultimate ruin, is a species of infatuation, of insanity, as incomprehensible to me as it is lamentable.

The chief argument of those who are opposed

It depends upon the disposition of our enemies and it is more than probable that they will find as many arguments in favor of a peaceful separation as ourselves; but if this should not b the case; if they shall rashly resolve on war, I am confident of one thing, that the direct calamities that can possiblyfresult, will be insignificant and trifling in comparison with the e which follow in the wake of Abolition. I will not, however, attempt to place them in contrast; but proceed to say that I cannot perceive anything so terrible in war that we should avoid it at the sacrifice of everything which gives value to life, honor, freedom, and social equality. If it is then inevitable, let it come; we must meet it as our fathers did before us, with "stout hearts and

mediation; but what possible excuse or politication on one verified and the continuation of those who are unified with the in it exists and of those who are unified with the in it exists and of those who are unified with the in it exists and of those who are unified with the in it exists and of those who are unified with the in it exists and the continuation of th

These, gentlemen, are my views, honestly en-tertained and frankly expressed. Having leng since retired from the political arena, disgusted at its partizan character and unprincipled broils, I did not again expect to raise my voice in the clamorous contests of the day; but in the present hazardous crisis, I should feel myself derelict in the highest duties of a patriot citizen, if I should remain silent when called upon to declare my sentiments. I am aware that the views which I have expressed are now unpopular—too un-popular and startling to be breathed in the lowest whisper by any one who fears persecution or desires public favor; but sure I am that they will be finally triumphant, and that the words secession, separation, disunion, which are now so appalling to the hearts of many, will become the common dialect of our children—and until that day shall arrive, I can entertain but little hope

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A Voice from Missouri.

The Jefferson (Mo.) Metropolitan says: The St. Louis Intelligencer is astonished a Gen. Archison for voting against the bill for the admission of California, and especially for signing, in connection with other senators, a protest against the bill after it had passed the Senate.—What is matter of astonishment with us is, that any one could be found to give counsharp swords;" and having justice on our side we cannot fail to have victory also. We shall have our border strifes—formidable invasions—sudden incursions and bloody retaliations; all very hurtful, no doubt, but as hurtful to the foc as to us; and surely we shall be able to endure them as long as he, having a better reason for the work may be fedding a better reason for convention, and framed her constitution, with which she presents herself, and asks for admission of California. The whole proceedings, from beginning to end, were irregular, outrageous, unprecedented, and violative of the rights of the slaveholding States. New Mexico has had her convention, and framed her constitution, with which she presents herself, and asks for admission of California. half impetable disposition in the great mass of manifelated perfect the trangular of deposition in the great mass of the proposition of the propos

slates, as soon as possible, to hold a convenient of the for action—we shall be bound states, as soon as possible, to hold a convenient of the for action—we shall be bound confideracy, and to make all necessary arrangements for public defence.

I advise this course, not from choice, but from necessity. We are forced by our enemies into the alternative of retiring from the Union or or remaining in it upon terms altogether incompatible with honor, peace or safety. They do not hesitate to avow their hatred and abhorrence of us, and publicly to proclaim that their connection with us is a degradation to them. This itself is no very unreasonable ground for separation, but how doubly keen and afficitive does the insult become when we know that the scorn and contempt of our foes is founded upon that very submission which we so wofully mistake for a virtue. How can they respect us when we do not respect ourselves?—Irresolus the basis of their presumption.—That we time to not respect ourselves?—Irresolus the basis of their presumption.—That we time to retired from the political area, alignment of the formation will be too late for action—we shall be bound and and foot—the ear of desolation will be too late for action—we shall be bound that the worth. This plan, clay's compress bull should pass, Congress to such a sae only that remintervention could apply. But if Mr. Clay's compromise bill should pass, Congress to such a sease only that remintervention could apply. But if Mr. Clay's compromise bill should pass, Congress to such a sease only that remintervention could apply. But if Mr. Clay's compromise bill should pass, Congress to such a sease only that remintervention could apply. But if Mr. Clay's compromise bill should pass, Congress of a jaunt to the North. This plan, therefore, of bringing betweth Northern people to a sense of justice is rendered wholly inoperatively to a sense of justice is rendered wholly increased to see it can be people who chanced to be in California, had not the them of its charles and permit

THE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.—The intelligence from Congress, reported under our Tellegraphic head, brings no surprise to our bosom. We have made up our mind to it long ago. The fiat had gone forth that the South should be downtrodden and run over by an abolition Congress, the moment that SUBMISSION raised its baleful head at the South to weaken, divide and stab the mother that hore it.

us our just rights, and we are ready, as heretofore, to stand by the Union, every part of it, and its every interest. Refuse it, and for one, I WILL STRIKE FOR INDEPENDENCE."

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